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Department of Panchayat Raj & Community
Development

Directorate of Panchayats

Notification

22/4/DP/FAW/SCHEME/2001

The Government is hereby pleased to frame a Scheme for the grant of financial assistance to economically weaker Panchayats for improving their administration as follows, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Scheme may be called the Goa (Grant of Financial Assistance to Economically Weaker Panchayats for improving their Administration) Scheme, 2001.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from 1-4-2001.

2. *Eligibility.*— The Village Panchayats whose annual income is not more than Rs. 10.00 lakhs shall be eligible for financial assistance under this Scheme.

3. *Purpose.*— The purpose of this Scheme is to give financial assistance to economically weaker Village Panchayats to pay adequate salaries to the staff employed by them.

4. *Amount of Financial Assistance.*— The financial assistance will be released to the

economically weaker Village Panchayats on the basis of their classification based on the number of their wards in order to enable them to sustain their existing Staff or to employ additional Staff of their own, as shown below:—

Classification of the Village Panchayats	Annual Financial Assistance by way of Grants
'A'	Rs. 60,000/-
'B'	Rs. 40,000/-
'C'	Rs. 36,000/-
'D'	Rs. 24,000/-

5. *Utilization of Financial Assistance.*— The financial assistance under this Scheme shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(a) The above assistance will be limited for a period of five years during which the weaker Panchayats should raise their own resources to sustain the salaries of the Staff employed by them from their own Panchayat funds.

(b) The entire grants shall be utilized within a period of one year from the date of drawal. However, the Director of Panchayats may extend the time limit in deserving cases.

(c) The Block Development Officers shall draw and disburse the grants on receipt of the sanction order from the Director of Panchayats. The grants will be drawn in Form TR 42 duly signed by the Sarpanch and countersigned by the Block Development Officer.

(d) No new grants shall be sanctioned unless the previous grants are fully utilized by the Panchayats. Any part of the grant remaining unutilized shall be refunded to the Government immediately.

(e) The grants shall also be subject to such other conditions as laid down under the General Financial Rules, as amended from time to time.

(f) The grants shall be utilized solely for the purpose of payment of salaries to the staff employed by the Panchayats.

(g) The Panchayats shall ensure that the minimum monthly salary of Rs. 3,050/- to the

Lower Division Clerk and Rs. 2,550/- to the Peon is paid by them with Dearness Allowance @ 40%.

6. *Miscellaneous.*— The Government may modify, alter, add or cancel any conditions of this Scheme from time to time.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

P. M. Borkar, Director of Panchayats and
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 14th August, 2001.